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constructed barracks building of the barracks installation south of Staats (M 53/Y 64). Two wooden garages with 24 doors each and 1 wooden garage with 12 doors were being erected behind the new building. A damaged brick garage with 12 doors was being reconditioned. A board fence about 2.5 meters high, was being erected around the billeting area. The guard wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. The area adjoining the barracks installation to the south, where a tent camp was previously observed, had been surrounded by a board fence. The noises heard from the fenced area indicated that the tent camp was still there. A parking lot about 200 meters south of the barracks fence contained about 60 T-34 tanks and about 60 trucks. Many soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen between the barracks installation and the parking lot. *

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2. A file label found on 20 October at a place near the barracks installation south of Staats, where ammunition had previously been piled, reads: Documents for an offensive exercise on 5 September 1951 by the II./780. PAP (2d Bn of the 780th Gun Arty Regt). **

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- * ☐ Comment. A report of 20 October 1951 by another source stated that, with the exception of the barracks building under construction, the barracks installation south of Staats was occupied by troops, that a camp of about 200 tents was located nearby, and that only about 20 T-34 tanks stood on the parking lot. ☐
- ☐ The present report does not permit the identification of the tank unit quartered there.
- ** ☐ Comment. The file label confirms the 780th Gun Arty Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div until 5 September 1951. Components of the regiment may be stationed in both Stendal and Gardelegen. ☐

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